Recognition of Indian medical degrees abroad

762. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical and dental degrees of Indian Universities are recognized in USA, Canada, Australia and UK and vice-versa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the rationale thereof; and

(d) the details of foreign Universities which are recognized in India for higher studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) As per the information available with the Government the Licensing Authorities in USA, UK, Canada and Australia hold an examination before granting license to practice medicine to foreign nationals including Indian citizens possessing medical/dental degrees from Indian Universities recognized by the Medical Council of India/Dental Council of India. The foreign medical and dental qualifications recognized in India are given in the Schedules to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and the Dentists Act, 1948. Further, in India as per the provisions of Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2001 the Indian citizens who acquire foreign medical qualification which is a recognized qualificaiton in the country concerned for enrolment as a medical practitioner shall have to qualify a screening test before they are granted registration to practice medicine in India.

Shortlisting of candidates for admission in Safdarjung Hospital Medical College

763. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 100 candidates have been shortlisted for admission in upcoming Safdarjung Hosptial Medical College for 2001-2002 session;

(b) if so, the methodology adopted for shortlisting the candidates;

(c) whether 15 per cent seats have been earmarked/given to CBSE candidates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Functioning of rural primary health care centres

764. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of creating vast infrastructure, the Rural Primary Health Care Centres are functioning sub-optimally;

(b) if so, how Government propose to improve the functioning of Rural Primary Health Centres;

(c) whether any concrete programme has been drawn; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) Government is aware of certain gaps in rural health care infrastructure, which is mainly on account of inadequate outreach of infrastructure and trained manpower.

While health is primarily astate subject, the centre is providing technical and financial assistance in all critical areas which affect the family welfare programme. To improve the functioning of primary health care institutions, Government has initiated a number of innovative programmes:

- Under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, funds are being released to States and UTs for strengthening the existing primary health care facilities, for procuring drugs and essential consumables and towards contingencies for travel cost of the ANMs, repair of equipment and furniture.
- Area Development Projects are being implemented with external aid for additional strengthening of the public health infrastructure. The main activities of Area Projects include construction of buildings for health